GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2144
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PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to improve productivity and quality of cotton;

(b) if so, the funds earmarked for these purposes during Tenth Plan;

(c) the amount actually spent thereon so far;

(d) whether the cotton growers are provided with any assistance to increase the production of cotton in Tenth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. In order to increase production, productivity and improve quality of cotton, Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) is under implementation since 2000-01 in 13 States viz; Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Technology Mission on Cotton has four Mini Missions. The Mini Mission-I deals with the research and development of technologies and is implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research . Mini −II deals with the development programmes for increasing production and productivity of cotton. It is implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The Mini Mission-III on the development of market yards, and Mini Mission-IV for the upgradation and modernization of ginning and pressing factories and are implemented by the Ministry of Textiles.

(b)&(c): The funds earmarked for Technology Mission on Cotton as Central Share during Tenth Plan are Rs. 475.70 crores, while the amount actually spent under Mission during Tenth Plan till 2004-05 is Rs. 178.13 crores.

(d)&(e): Under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission Cotton, assistance is provided for production and protection technologies through demonstration at farmer`s field, training of farmers & extension workers as well as supply of inputs such as certified seeds of varieties / hybrids not older than 15 years, sprayers, pheromone traps, bio-agents as well as water saving devices like sprinklers and drip irrigation to cotton growers.

Year-wise and State-wise allocation made under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton during the first four years of Tenth Plan is appended at Annexure.

Annexure

Statement referred to in part (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2144 due for 8.8.2005

Year-wise & State-wise allocation under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton during Tenth Plan.

(Rupees in Lakh Central Share)

States	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Andhra Pradesh	174.00	385.00	623.62	440.00
Gujarat	244.00	425.00	750.00	750.00
Haryana	117.00	225.00	225.00	280.00
Karnataka	166.00	385.00	486.03	500.00
Madhya Pradesh	170.00	325.00	607.59	400.00
Maharashtra	410.00	645.00	784.79	786.00
Orissa	64.00	145.00	80.00	78.00
Punjab	10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00
Rajasthan	163.00	275.00	719.21	500.00
Tamil Nadu	138.00	225.00	339.41	350.00

Tripura	13.00	15.00	25.00	50.00
Uttar Pradesh	16.00	130.00	80.00	65.00
West Bengal	15.00	45.00	50.00	75.00